

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification, as set forth above, to update the status of references to patent applications which have issued as patents subsequent to filing of the priority application for the present application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 31 - 34 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,758,947, to Chiang et al.

Applicants do not agree that there is double patenting, and do not agree that any of the pending claims are obvious over the claims issued in the parent to the present continuation application. Despite the disagreement, in the interest of obtaining an early allowance and issuance of the present application, applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.321(c), so that patent enforcement availability will not be delayed for the time period necessary to argue about whether a terminal disclaimer is required.

In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 31 - 34 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 - 29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,758,947.

Applicants contend that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney with any questions or suggestions, at the telephone number provided below.